THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) Government have seen the news item referred to in the Question. CBI have reported that a regular case was registered by them on 25-4-90 and investigated against the following persons:—

(i) Shri O.P. Bhatia, Manager, New Bank of India, East of Kailash, New Delhi.

(ii) Shri Krishan Kumar Bindal, Director of M/s Dream City Builders (P) Ltd., New Delhi.

(iii) Smt. Veena Bindal, w/o Shri K.K. Bindal, Director of M/s. Dream City Builders (P) Ltd., New Delhi.

(iv) Shri Jagdish Sethi, Ex-Executive Director, New Bank of India, Head Office, New Delhi.

(v) Shri R. C. Suneja, Ex-Chairman & Managing Director, New Bank of India, Head Office, New Delhi.

(vi) M/s. Dream City Builders (P) Ltd., New Delhi.

The investigation revealed that there was a conspiracy among the above accused persons to cheat the erstwhile New Bank of India in the matter of sanction of loans and advances to M/s. Dream City Builders (P) Ltd., New Delhi. A charge-sheet has been filed against all the accused persons mentioned above in the Court of Special Judge, Delhi on 23-12-1994.

CBI have also reported that during the course of investigation of another regular case they have come across similar malpractices in Bank of India.

उत्तर प्रदेश में बैंकों द्वारा पेंशन के भुगतान में विलम्ब

75. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के पौड़ी गढ़वाल क्षेत्र में ऐसी कितनी बैंक शाखाएं हैं, जिनमें केन्द्र सरकार के सेवा-निवृत्त कर्मचारियों को उनकी पेंशन की अदायगी की जाती है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, पौड़ी द्वारा पेंशन भोगी सेवा-निवृत्त कर्मचारियों को महंगाई-भत्ते की अदायगी समय पर नहीं की जाती है ; यदि हां, तो क्या बैंक द्वारा पेंशन की अदायगी देरी से करने पर ब्याज दिया जाता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो बैंक द्वारा ब्याज की कितनी दर निर्धारित की गई है एवं क्या सरकार द्वारा एस बैंकों को आवश्यक निर्देश दिए गए हैं कि पेंशन भोगियों को समय पर महंगाई भत्ते की अदायगी की जाए ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आर.बी. आई.) ने सूचित किया है कि फिलहाल भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इण्डिया और पंजाब नेशनल बैंक की शाखाओं को उत्तर प्रदेश के पौड़ी-गढ़वाल क्षेत्र में केन्द्र सरकार के सेवा-निवृत्त कर्मचारियों को पेंशन का भुगतान करने के लिये प्राधिकृत किया गया है।

(ख) पेंशनरों को महंगाई राहत का भुगतान करने में देरी के संबंध में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक को पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, पौड़ी के विरुद्ध कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ग) प्रश्न पैदा ही नहीं होता।

Openin go new branches of Nationalised Banks in hill areas of Uttar Pradesh

76. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the branch-wise number of nationalised banks that have been opened during the year 1993-94 in

Uttar Pradesh particularly in hill areas of Pauri Garhwal to moonise the rural people under the 'Saving Scheme';

(b) the names of such banks;

(c) whether Government have any scheme during the year 1994-95 to connect all districts and villages with bank facilities in hill areas, and

(d) if so, the district-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The details of branches of nationalised banks opened during the year 1993-94 in Uttar Pradesh including in hill areas of Pauri Garhwal is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that under the Branch Expansion Plan (1990-95), it is left to the judgement of individual banks to identify potential centres/villages for opening of additional branches in the respective service areas of their rural branches. On the basis of centres identified by the banks and recommended by the concerned State Governments, 264 centres were allotted to bank for opening of their branches in various States. Further, fresh proposals for opening of additional rural branches at centres/villages failling within the service area of the applicant banks and which are duly recommended by the concerned State Governments are also considered by RBI. Due weightage is given to the special needs of backward/hilly/tribal/sparsely populated areas. RBI do not, however, have any special scheme during 1994-95 to connect all Districts and Villages with bank facilities in hill areas. Nevertheless, it may be mentioned that all the villages in the country, including those falling in hilly districts, are being served by a bank branch under the Scheme of Service Area Approach to Rural lending.

Statement

Details of Branches of Nationalised Banks opened in Uttar Pradesh during the year 1993-94

Districts	Name of centre	Name of Bank
Agra	Agra	Canara Bank
Aligarh	Hathrs	Oriental Bank of Commerce
Almora	Almoras	Canara Bank
Azamgarh. . . .	Mubarakpur	Oriental Bank of Commerce
Ballia	Ballia	Bank of Baroda
Bara Banki . .	Bara Banki	Bank of Barode

District	Name of centre	Name of Banks
Basti	Khalilabad	State Bank of India
Bulandshahr	Khurja	State Bank of Patiala
Dehra Dun	Rishikesh	Oriental Bank of Commerce
Etawah	Naughah	Central Bank of India
	Pata	State Bank of India
Faizabad	Ayodhya	Punjah National Bank
Farrukhabad	Kannauj	Central Bank of India
Ghaziabad	Ghaziabad	State Bank of India
		Allahabad Bank
	Modinagar	Canara Bank
	Noida	Corporption Bank
Hardoi	Hardoi	Bank of Baroda
Haridwar	Roorkee	State Bank of Patiala
	—do—	Allahabad Bank
Kanpur City	Kanpur	Canara Bank
Lucknow	Lucknow	Canara Bank
Mathura	Mathura	Central Bank of India
	Virindaban	State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur
Meerut	Meerut	Punjab National Bank
Mirzapur	Mirzapur	Punjab National Bank
Moradabad	Kanth	Punjab National Bank
Muzaffarnagar	Shamli	Allahabad Bank
Nainital	Haldwani	State Bank of Patiala
	Kashipur	State Bank of Patiala
	Nainital	Vijaya Bank
Pratapgarh	Sangramgarh	State Bank of India
Saharanpur	Saharanpur	Union Bank of India
Sitapur	Kasraila	Allahabad Bank
Sonbhadra	Bijapur	Union Bank of India
	Chapka	Punjab National Bank
	Robertsganj	Bank of Baroda
Unnao	Unnao	State Bank of Patiala
Varanasi	Varanasi	State Bank of India